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*"He must become great;  
I must become less."  
John 3:30*



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Monday	Apr. 3	TRIP Orders due <b>Spring Membership Mtg.</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>8:00 p.m.</b>
Tuesday	Apr. 4	TAN Meeting at the school	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Apr. 5	Library	
Thursday	Apr. 6		
Friday	Apr. 7	TRIP Pick Up	3:00 p.m.

**From our School Community:**

**Spring Membership Meeting:** The Membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, at 8:00 p.m.

**Congratulations** to Aaron & Jami Breukelman and family on the safe arrival of a healthy baby girl, Ellie Lynn. May God bless you all as you welcome this precious little one into your hearts and home.

**Skate-a-thon:** Please hand in your sponsor sheets with the money collected by **April 12**. Some sponsors like to pay directly to the school as they sponsor other students as well and prefer to make only one payment. Other sponsors pay to the student the amount owing with cash or cheque. Please ensure that addresses are included with donators who wish to receive a tax receipt. The total collected so far is **\$2,828.00**.

**April Calendar** is attached to today's Journal.

**Twice As Nice Website:** The TAN committee would like to update their website and need your help to make this happen. Please contact Ken Paulusma at 767-7150 or 622-7575 for information.

**Twice As Nice Serving Opportunities** for next week. Please let Jenny Mol know if you can help out at the TAN next week for the following shifts – Monday and Tuesday morning and afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon. We need your help in keeping the store running well – it's spring time and people are donating lots of spring cleaned items and then buying someone else's spring cleaned items. Come on in and get in on some great deals. Thanks in advance. Contact Jenny at 475-6995, [jhmol@tbaytel.net](mailto:jhmol@tbaytel.net), text 626-0442.

**Bus Driver Job Opportunity:** The Transportation Committee is currently looking for a bus driver for the school. If you are interested in this position, please send a resume to the school or contact Arnold Breukelman at 474-3240 for more information.

**Personal Support Worker Position:** Thunder Bay Christian School is currently looking for a part-time Personal Support Worker to provide care for a newly enrolled student with special needs for the 2017/2018 school year. The individual should demonstrate ability and interest in providing personal care and support, and be an active member of a Christian church. First Aid and CPR are required. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, statement of faith and references (including a pastoral reference) to Sandra deHaan, Team Leader of Learning, Thunder Bay Christian School. Email: [office@tbaychristianschool.ca](mailto:office@tbaychristianschool.ca) fax: 939-2843; Phone: 939-1209. Deadline for applications is April 7.

**Project Purse:** Project Purse: A big, HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated to our efforts in supporting Project Purse! The students really stepped up and showed how they can be Jesus' light to those less fortunate in our community. Final numbers are still being tallied for the class pizza party competition; the winner will be announced Monday during chapel! Amazing work everyone!

**THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 9, 2017 at 8:00 pm  
Mini-Minutes**

Executive meets prior to meeting.

Roll call – All present

1. Opening devotions

- Bram D reads Psalm 90 and Matthew 6:25-34 and opens with prayer

2. Adoption of minutes of previous board meeting (February 21, 2017)

3. Leadership team report

4. Committee reports:

a. Finance

-Review proposed budget

**Motion:** "To approve the proposed budget for presentation to the membership" – carries.

**Motion:** "To approve Charmaine Schep and Angela Gysen as financial auditors" – carries.

b. Transportation

- Vikki Wassenaar has resigned from her position as a bus driver.

- Thank you for your years of service Vikki!
- A position has been advertised to fill the need for a bus driver.
- Continue to look for busses to purchase.

c. Thrift Store

-\$15,000.00 transferred to school for month of January.

d. Admissions

**Motion:** "To accept Brandon and Jessica Breukelman as members of the Thunder Bay Christian School society and their son, Ethan, as a student for 2017/18" - carries

5. Next Meeting April 18, 2017

6. Closing prayer - Shawn J.

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

When arriving at home today we will be armed with many things including our April newsletter, invitations, swimming letter and a new reading calendar for April (JK only). Please let me know if you are missing anything and then I can send home a replacement. Thanks!

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: JK- Return completed March reading calendars (if you haven't already done so)

### Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Baxter

#### Miss Boyes: Grade 1 and 2

Bible: We have continued learning about parables this week. We read about the unforgiving servant, the workers in the vineyard, and the tenants. Through all these stories there is a common theme that occurs and it is that Jesus has made a great sacrifice and has saved us from our sins.

Memory work: John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Social Studies: On our journey of learning about Canada we have looked at the currency here which is dollars. We also looked at the official birds and flowers of the provinces and territories. We also researched different popular animals in Canada. We decided to assign these animals as "official" animals of the various provinces and territories.

#### Grade 2

Language Arts: This week we looked at what makes words rhyme. We identified words that rhyme with our spelling words. We also looked at blends this week: Ch, Sh and Th.

Spelling words: New spelling words went home this week. Next spelling test is on April 7.

Math: In math we worked on breaking down large numbers into how many 10's and 1's they have. Ex.  $32=10+10+10+1+1$ . We also continued working on odd and even numbers and sorting them into groups.

### **Mrs. Baxter: Grade 1**

We have had a wonderful week together. We wrapped up our geometry unit and will now be starting the data management unit. The students will be sorting objects and recording data in graphs. During our literacy block we have really focused on writing about different subjects and continuing our work over the course of a few days. We will start editing and adding illustrations as well! I am so proud of every student in this class!

Reminders:

1. The spelling words this week will be: gate, rake, name, bake, fine, bike, hide, mine.
2. Spelling test Friday.
3. Please send back your reading logs and the level of swimming your child has achieved. (If they have taken classes)

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students continued their study of form in music. They also became familiar with the popular folk song "The Cat Came Back".

### **Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan**

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall words and Math fact homework.

Reminder: The Booktalk deadline for completion was today, March 31. Earlier this week, several students asked for an extension until Monday. This option was made available to the entire class, if desired. We will start our presentations on Monday.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: David has started escalating his sinful behaviour.
- Math Grade 4: We learned about congruent shapes, types of shapes and their properties, tangrams and symmetry.
- Math Grade 3: We began working with repeated addition and beginning multiplication questions.
- Literature: Thank you to Mrs. Boer for lending us her "Wilbur" to visit the class. This week, Wilbur tried to build a web with some hilarious results.
- Social Studies: We prepared mini-sports stories based on Australian sports.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder and signed behaviour charts.

Wednesday: Please return all Library books.

Thursday: Spelling tests – please practice!!

**Math fact homework due!!!**

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- The Grade 3/4 exhibited extreme patience and tenacity while learning a new recorder piece for Link Up. Way to go! Students also reviewed notation and reading music on the staff.

**Mrs. Baxter:**

French Gr. 3- We have had a great week in French this week! On Monday we will begin a new unit and will continue to build our French vocabulary.

French Gr. 4- The students have been doing a great job learning how to talk about seasons and weather. In April we will begin the next unit about how to describe ourselves and our clothes.

## Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Our class has been buzzing with excitement and activity this week as the students have been working on their end-of-book projects and were assigned roles for their assembly. Project presentations will begin on Wednesday next week. Wonderful work has been done so far! I am excited to see the finished projects!

Our assembly has been set for Wednesday, April 12. Students have chosen and have been assigned their roles and speaking or singing parts. I am asking that the students try to learn their lines by Monday so our practices will run smoothly. Of course, I do not expect all lines to be perfect right away. We will be "off book" by Wednesday.

Students in both classes wrote tests in spelling, math, and literature. Please make yourself aware of how your child is doing in these areas so far.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Material for the assembly

Monday: Have assembly lines learned as much as possible.

Wednesday: Grammar test (both grades). Units 19-25 Thursday or Friday: possible Science test on the first 3 lessons

**Mrs. Baxter:** French- The students have been doing a great job learning how to talk about seasons and weather. In April we will begin the next unit about how to describe ourselves and our clothes.

**Mrs. Hawkins:**

Music- We spent the class reading new ukulele tunes. Students worked hard to play every chord change in the right place!

Computers- Students started a lesson on spreadsheets using Google Sheets.

## Grades 7 & 8 - Mrs. Voortman, Mrs. Mol, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins, Mme. Tempelman

**Mrs. Voortman:**

Math- Grade 7 has been working on ratios and rates. Grade 8 is working on constructing circles using compasses and properties of a circle.

Language Arts- We should finish reading our novel Night next week and will be watching the movie "Life Is Beautiful" to finish our study on concentration camps.

**Mrs. Mol:**

Bible- We finished our unit on *Every Bit of Who We Are* this week by talking about what God requires from us and reading some of Micah. Next week, we will begin a new unit on The Birth of the Church.

History- This week we learned about what life was like in towns in the Middle Ages, and we also talked about the code of chivalry. Today we talked about merchant and craft guilds.

Geography- We wrapped up our unit on the tundra this week, and we made some great soapstone carvings! Next week we will begin studying the rainforest biome!

**Mr. Himanen:**

Science- Next week the students will be learning about the ozone layer and how it protects us from the ultra-violet rays from the sun. The students will also be learning about the reasons we see different colours in the sky during the day and in the evening.

Guitar- The students need to find an appropriate song of their own choosing that they will perform for the rest of the class in the coming weeks.

**Mrs. Hawkins:**

Grade 7 Band- On Monday students played their tests on "Join the Parade". Please practice page 14 of the method book this weekend. Make sure you remember your instruments for Monday's class.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students worked on their Cartoon Colour Study this week. We hope to finish it next week.

**Mme. Tempelman:** French- This week we looked at a hymn and noted how in the French translation the general sentiment is there but not a direct word for word translation. Conjugation and understanding reflexive verbs was looked at and worked on. Students used Quizlet.com to work with reflexive verbs and vocabulary used in one's daily routine.

**Grades 9 & 10 - , Mrs. Mol, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins, Mme. Tempelman**

The grade 9/10 class had a great trip to Costa Rica this past week but they are all glad to be back home and back at school. The students had a busy week of working at the new high school that is being built, meeting and playing sports with the students at the high school, and visiting different parts of the country on several excursions. We should have learned that the sun shines very brightly before we so enthusiastically took part in our day at the beach. Most of us learned our lesson. Thank you to everyone for your prayers for our safety during the trip and for all your support in preparation for the trip as well.

**Mrs. Mol:** I am so happy to see my students back safe and sound (although quite sunburned)! The grade tens wrote their OSSLT (grade 10 literacy test) after traveling for 24 hours and getting very little sleep; I am so proud of how hardworking you are. Well done! We talked about some of the highlights of their trip and some of the amazing things they did, learned and saw. We talked about how God is at work in this world, and how people with much less than us can have a faith that is so big. They also worked on math review for the chapter 6 test (for both grades nine and ten), which will be on Monday. Next week we are starting our final English unit on Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, and continuing with our units on light & optics (science), and Paul's letters (Bible).

**Mr. Himanen**

History- The students will be learning about the beginning of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States in the coming week. We will look at the impact this had on the world and how Canada was involved in it.

Outdoor Education- The students will be finishing some of work in the health component of the course next week. We will be continuing some activities as soon as the weather permits.

**Mrs. Hawkins:** AVI 10- Welcome back! We started a new unit in painting. Students became familiar with the CMY (cyan, magenta, yellow) colour wheel this week.